

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: PS Docket No. 07-114

Secretary Dortch:

As a former police chief and the former Executive Director of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association for over 6 years, I am concerned about efforts to reduce the impact of the current FCC proposal that would require wireless carriers to update their location technology. After being a member of the public safety community for over four decades I can't tell you the number of times that minutes and sometimes seconds were the difference between avoiding a disaster or saving a life. The ability to quickly identify the location of a person in distress is critical to the effectiveness of the men and women serving to protect our citizens and community. We know this because landline location systems have been highly effective for years. Increasingly, 911 calls are made from cell phones and we need to improve upon the existing technology so that public safety officials can locate individuals with pinpoint accuracy.

I hope that you will move forward with the FCC proposed rule as written and ensure that the safety of our citizens isn't compromised because we aren't willing to make the appropriate investments to improve upon the current technology.

Sincerely,


George DiBlasi, Chief of Police, retired

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Senator Ed Markey
Chairman Tom Wheeler
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
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Commissioner Ajit Pai
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